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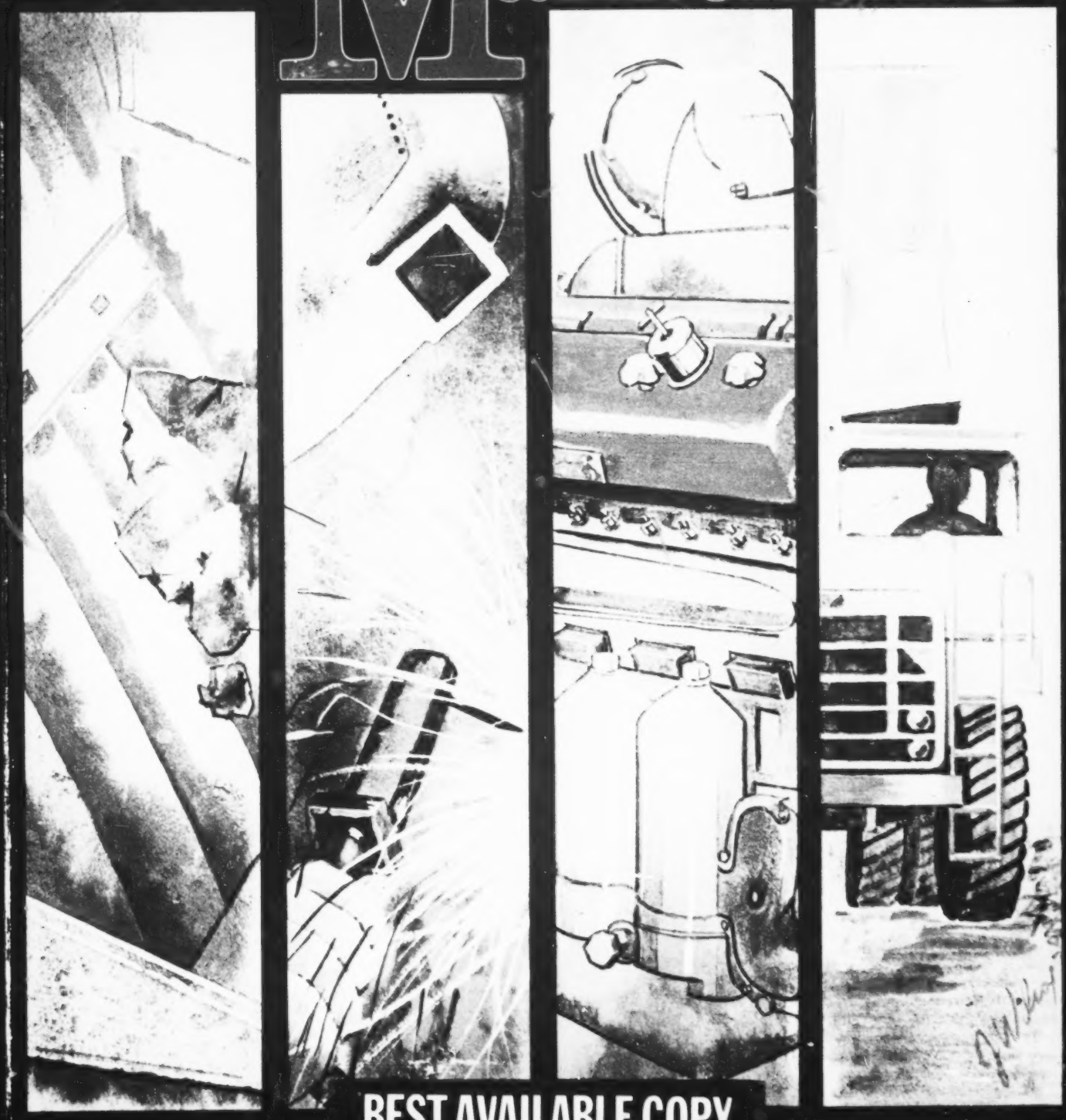

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	1979 July (000)	1978 July (000)	% Change
Nonresidential Building	$ 4,509,697	$ 4,461,491	+ 1%
Residential Building	7,007,507	6,823,041	+ 3
Nonbuilding Construction	3,198,049	3,506,143	+ 9
Total Construction	$14,715,253	$14,790,675	− 1%

	1979 7 mos. (000)	1978 7 mos. (000)	% Change
Nonresidential Building	$29,241,556	$25,289,111	+ 16%
Residential Building	45,654,837	43,536,938	+ 5
Nonbuilding Construction	26,347,490	23,846,226	+ 10
Total Construction	$101,243,883	$92,672,275	+ 9%

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ESCSI Safety Award Winners

Recognizing that plant safety is one of industry's most important concerns, the Expanded Shale Clay & Slate Institute is recognizing all those who worked in the expanded shale, clay and slate plants, in which no lost-time accident occurred.

Rules and regulations for the safety award program were written by a member company task force and are one safety award plaque given annually to the individual plant, regardless of production, with the highest number of man-hours without a lost-time accident; a certificate of achievement given to each plant that has gone through one year without a lost-time accident; and individual certificates given to employees of the winning plants.

The winner of the Expanded Shale Clay and Slate Institute's first safety award contest is the A. Floyd Old Plant, Solite Corp., Arvonia, Va. Certificates of achievement were awarded to the following plants: Arkansas Lightweight Aggregate Corp., England, Ark.; Domtar Construction Materials, Mississauga, Ont., Can.; Carolina Solite Corp., Aquadale, N.C.; Florida Solite Corp., Green Cove Springs, Fla.; and Utelite Corp., Coalville, Utah.

U.S. Gypsum to Modernize Philadelphia, Pa. Plant

United States Gypsum Co., Chicago, Ill., has approved modernization of its Philadelphia, Pa. plant. The plant's gypsum wallboard panel production process will be updated to provide a more efficient operation and expanded output. A new, more thermal-efficient calcination process will be installed, gypsum board-

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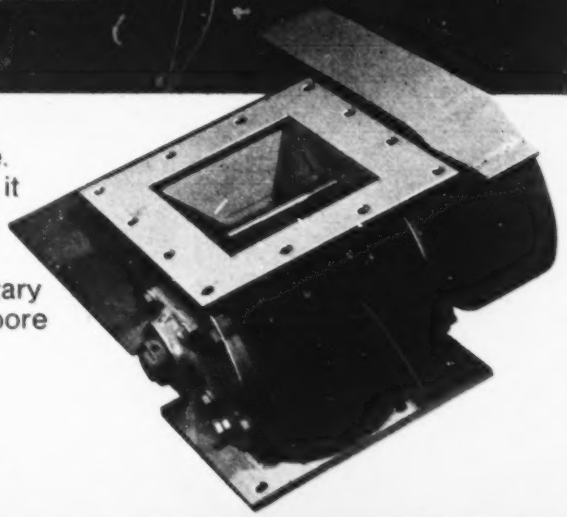

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